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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Qing Ma, Peng Cheng

Serial No. 09/894,334

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SACRIFICIAL LAYER TECHNIQUE For:

TO MAKE GAPS IN MEMS

APPLICATIONS

Examiner: Coleman, William D.

Art Unit: 2823

Confirmation No.: 6477

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Box Amendments - No Fee. Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows, and consider the following remarks. APR -9 2004 TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 6 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

over an area of a substrate, forming a plurality of three dimensional first structures;

following forming the first structures, conformally introducing a sacrificial material over the area of the substrate;

introducing a second structural material over the sacrificial material; exposing a portion of the sacrificial material; removing the sacrificial material; and